

# **GOLF ANNOUNCEMENTS – 8/30/21**

## **USGA Rule of the Week**

Key rule change for 2023: **Ball Moved by Natural Forces:** A new exception provides that a ball at rest must be replaced if it moves to another area of the course or comes to rest out of bounds after being dropped, placed or replaced. Simply retrieve your ball replace it and move on. No additional penalties.

Previously, the rules outcome said: If a ball at rest is moved by natural forces (except after being replaced on the putting green), the ball is to be played from where it comes to rest.

Damaged club: Conforming club damaged during a round or while play is stopped (under rule 5.7a). With the 2023 rule change: Except in cases of abuse, the player may repair or replace any damaged club with another club. Previously, a player normally must not replace a club damaged during a round (or while play is stopped) except in limited cases.

## **Eligibility**

Are all your golfers in the school eligibility system? Be sure your athletic director has entered all your players in the KSHSAA eligibility database. They will not be available for postseason entry-from without this step. It is not new, just a reminder.

## **Girls Golf Classifications**

General classification numbers will begin to be submitted September 20. At that time girls golf will utilize the 40/60 rule. Forty percent of the schools playing girls golf that are 4A-1A will be classified 4A for girls golf postseason. The remaining 60% will be 3-1A. This was put into play in 2018 when to help with the distribution of participation at those classification levels.